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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/963,709 :  
Filed: September 27, 2001 :  
For: **OPTICAL TIME-DIVISION** :  
**MULTIPLEX SIGNAL PROCESSING** :  
**APPARATUS AND METHOD, OPTICAL** :  
**TIME-DIVISION MULTIPLEX SIGNAL** :  
**RECEIVER** :

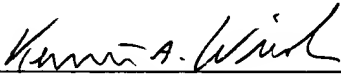
DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 24, 2006 requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on September 9, 2005 be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office action was received on January 23, 2006 and further provided evidence in the way of a copy of the Office action transmittal page date stamped as being received on January 23, 2006. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. The petition meets the criteria for restarting a time period to respond to an Office action as set forth in MPEP § 710.06.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office action originally mailed on September 9, 2006 is hereby reset to run **THREE MONTHS FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF January 23, 2006.**

  
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